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ABSTRACT

This report presents data on academic libraries in Connecticut, as reported by public colleges and universities in the Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS) conducted in the fall of 1979. Information is included on the size and composition of library collections, which totaled nearly 6 million items; on library staff and student assistance, with a total of 360 staff members and 316,902 hours of student assistance; and on library operating expenditure, which amounted to over $8 million. Tables display comparative data for each institution and subtotal figures for state colleges, regional community colleges, and state technical colleges. Separate statistics are also given for the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Health Center. Pie charts relate library expenditures to other educational and general expenditures at Connecticut's public postsecondary educational institutions. (Author/ESR)

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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN CONNECTICUT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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This report provides information on public college and university libraries in Connecticut as reported by the institutions in the Higher Education General Information Survey for fall 1979, the most recent year for which data are available.

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Public college and university libraries reported collections numbering nearly 6 million items, including more than 3 million cataloged books. As Table 1 indicates, the University of Connecticut and the UConn Health Center have a combined collection of 1,707,470 books representing 56.8 percent of the bookstock at all public college and university libraries. The State Colleges maintain 30.1 percent of the total bookstock, numbering 904,339 volumes, while the Regional Community Colleges and the State Technical Colleges represent 11.9 percent and 1.2 percent of the total, respectively.[1]

Over the period 1975 to 1979, the total number of volumes per enrolled student increased from 22.4 to 31.8. During this period, total enrollment at all public institutions in Connecticut rose by almost 1,000 from 93,467 to 94,405, while the bookstock increased 43.5 percent from 2,094,144 volumes to over 3 million.

Public institutions have 26,106 current periodical subscriptions, 61.7 percent of which are held by the University of Connecticut. The UConn Health Center maintains over 2,800 periodicals (11%), the State Colleges have almost 4,300 (16.4%), the Regional Community Colleges have over 2,400 (9.4%), and the State Technical Colleges have over 400 (1.6%).

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[1]Greater New Haven State Technical College reported no library facilities at the time of this survey; the college had a cooperative arrangement with Southern Connecticut State College.

Separate government documents number nearly 500,000 items. (The actual number of government documents is somewhat higher because a few institutions do not maintain a precise count of individual documents.) The collection at the University of Connecticut represents 71.6 percent of the total while the State Colleges maintain more than 14,000 documents, or 28.2 percent of the total. The collection at the Regional Community Colleges represents 0.3 percent of the total while the State Technical Colleges have just 50 separate documents. The UConn Health Center has none.

Microform materials number more than 2 million items, with well over 1 million items (51.6%) at the University of Connecticut and the UConn Health Center. Over 850,000 items (40.1%) are listed at the State Colleges, over 173,000 (8.1%) at the Regional Community Colleges, and almost 2,000 (0.1%) at the State Technical Colleges.

Audiovisual materials number over 80,000 items, with more than half (55.5%) at the Regional Community Colleges and over one-third (36.4%) at the State Colleges. The collections at the University of Connecticut and the Health Center comprise 6.2 percent of the total, and the State Technical Colleges have 2.0 percent.

All other library materials (e.g., maps, charts, study prints, flat pictures) number approximately 200,000 items, with over half (54.4%) of this total located at the University of Connecticut. Over 65,000 items (36.0%) are held by the State Colleges. (This figure includes over 60,000 flat pictures.) The Regional Community Colleges and State Technical Colleges maintain 17,078 items (9.4%) and 175 items (0.1%), respectively.

LIBRARY STAFF AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE

As Table 2 shows, total library staff at public colleges and universities numbered 360 persons, with 308, or 85.6 percent, working full-time and 52, or 14.4 percent, working part time. Full-time chief librarians or others engaged in management activities number 32, or 8.9 percent, of the total library staff. The University of Connecticut and the UConn Health Center employ 12 of the full-time management staff, while the Regional Community Colleges have 15 full-time employees in this capacity. The State Colleges have five chief librarians, while the State Technical Colleges have none. There is only one part-time chief librarian; that individual is employed at the UConn Health Center.

Most of the total library staff falls into the "Other Librarians" classification, i.e., those whose position requires professional training but who do not have administrative responsibilities. There are 152 librarians, or 42.2 percent of total staff, at this level (128 full-time and 24 part-time). Of these librarians, 67 (44.1%) are employed at the University of Connecticut and the UConn Health Center. The State Colleges employ 41.4 percent of the librarians at this level, while 11.8 percent are located at the Regional Community Colleges. The State Technical Colleges employ one staff member each, with the exception of Greater New Haven, which had no library at the time of this survey.

Other professional staff (e.g., archivists, computer specialists, bibliographers, media specialists) account for 64 positions (60 full-time and 4 part-time) or 17.8 percent of the total library staff. Of these staff members, 55 are employed by the University of Connecticut and the Uconn Health Center while the remaining 9 are located at the Regional Community Colleges.

Technical/clerical staff totals 111 persons (88 full-time and 23 part-time). Of this staff, 45.0 percent work for the University of Connecticut and the UConn Health Center. The State Colleges have 28 staff members at this level (25.2%), the Regional Community Colleges have 29 (26.1%), and the State Technical Colleges employ 4 (3.6%), 1 at each of the libraries.

In addition to the library staff, the colleges report using a total of 316,902 hours of student assistance, which represents approximately 159 annual full-time-equivalent positions. The State Colleges utilize student assistance equal to almost 90 full-time positions while the University of Connecticut and the Health Center report using student assistance totaling approximately 54 full-time positions. At the Regional Community Colleges and the State Technical Colleges the full-time-equivalent positions are 14 and 1.6, respectively. Student assistants represent nearly half of the library personnel at the State Colleges (48.4%), compared to 22.6 percent at the University of Connecticut and the UConn Health Center, and 16.6 percent at the Regional Community Colleges and State Colleges.

LIBRARY OPERATING EXPENDITURES

As shown in Table 3 and Figure 1, the total expenditure for all public college and university libraries in 1979 amounted to over $8 million, an average of 3.35 percent of the total institutional educational and general expenditures. On the average, general expenditures including salaries accounted for 67.7 percent of the total library budget. Total expenditures on materials at all public college and university libraries consumed 32.3 percent of the library budget.

Figures 2 through 6 provide a breakdown of library operating expenditures by unit.

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TABLE 1

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS, FALL 1979

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

INSTITUTIONS	BOOKSTOCK (Number of Volumes)	CURRENT PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	SEPARATE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS	MICROFORMS	AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	ALL OTHER MATERIAL	TOTAL
University of Connecticut	1,594,990	16,108	357,914	1,096,560	1,532	99,388	3,166,492
UConn Health Center	112,470	2,864	-	2,160	3,449	-	120,953
Subtotal	1,707,470	18,972	357,914	1,098,720	4,981	99,388	3,287,445
STATE COLLEGES							
Central Connecticut	280,010	1,685	66,476	60,528	2,814	60,964[a]	472,477
Eastern Connecticut	112,754	859	600	236,318	382	212	351,125
Southern Connecticut	372,065	1,206	73,672	275,820	3,016	2,988	728,767
Western Connecticut	139,510	529	-	281,369	23,062	1,426	445,896
Subtotal	904,339	4,279	140,748	854,035	29,274	65,590	1,998,265
REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES							
Asnuntuck	20,468	-	600	1,552	3,072	78	25,770
Greater Hartford	37,356	300	-	9,137	1,867	564	49,224
Housatonic	29,212	277	-	23,114	10,488	-	63,091
Manchester	39,674	228	323	40,101	7,500	-	87,826
Mattatuck	26,426	161	20	4,388	1,563	1	32,559
Middlesex	35,620	201	-	13,317	1,505	-	50,643
Mohegan	20,400	256	-	26,955	3,377	3,500	54,488
Northwestern Connecticut	41,736	257	315	1,509	1,534	88	45,438
Norwalk	49,719	227	-	44,048	9,824	12,721	116,539
Quinebaug Valley	14,532	145	-	2,932	1,504	-	19,113
South Central	21,910	157	-	5,955	1,115	126	29,263
Tunxis	19,589	234	-	123	1,271	-	21,217
Subtotal	356,642	2,443	1,258	173,131	44,620	17,078	595,172
STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES							
Greater New Haven[b]							
Hartford	8,000	150	-	-	100	50	8,300
Norwalk	13,570	104	-	-	524	50	14,248
Thames Valley	7,150	50	-	1,686	560	-	9,446
Waterbury	8,500	108	50	200	400	75	9,333
Subtotal	37,220	412	50	1,886	1,584	175	41,327
TOTAL	3,005,671	26,106	499,970	2,127,772	80,459	182,231	5,922,209

[a] Includes 60,000 flat pictures.

[b] Greater New Haven State Technical College reported no library facilities at the time of this survey.

Source: 1979 HEGIS Form 2300-5.

TABLE 2

LIBRARY STAFF AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE, FALL 1979

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC INSTITUITONS

INSTITUTIONS	STAFF										STUDENT ASSISTANCE	
	CHIEF LIBRARIANS		OTHER LIBRARIANS		OTHER PROFESSIONALS		TECHNICAL/ CLERICAL		TOTAL STAFF		Number of Hours[a]	FTE[b]
	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T		
University of Connecticut	10	-	51	6	45	3	28	11	134	20	94,684	47.5
UConn Health Center	2	1	9	1	7	-	9	2	27	4	12,831	6.4
Subtotal	12	1	60	7	52	3	37	13	161	24	107,515	53.7
STATE COLLEGES												
Central Connecticut	2	-	17	-	-	-	8	-	27	-	70,204	35.2
Eastern Connecticut	1	-	6	-	-	-	7	2	14	2	8,908	4.5
Southern Connecticut	1	-	17	13	-	-	7	-	25	13	17,340	8.7
Western Connecticut	1	-	9	1	-	-	4	-	14	1	81,881	41.1
Subtotal	5	-	49	14	-	-	26	2	80	16	178,333	89.5
REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE												
Asnuntuck	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	2,700[c]	1.4
Greater Hartford	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	4	1	7,761	3.9
Housatonic	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	833	0.4
Manchester	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	10	-	2,480	1.2
Mattatuck	2	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	7	1	2,400	1.2
Middlesex	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	2,400[c]	1.2
Mohegan	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	3,900	2.0
Northwestern Connecticut	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2,346	1.2
Norwalk	1	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	7	2	170	0.1
Quinebaug Valley	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	300	0.2
South Central	1	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	7	-	1,833	0.9
Tunxis	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	3	567	0.3
Subtotal	15	-	15	3	8	1	21	8	59	12	27,690	14.0
STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES												
Greater New Haven[d]												
Hartford	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	454	0.2
Norwalk	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2,290	1.1
Thames Valley	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	450	0.2
Waterbury	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	170	0.1
Subtotal	-	-	4	-	-	-	4		8	-	3,364	1.6
TOTAL	32	1	128	24	60	4	88	23	308	52	316,902	158.8

[a] Includes hours charged to library budget and to other than library budgets, 1978-79.
[b] Full time equivalent is calculated by dividing total student assistant hours by 1,992, the normal number of hours worked by a full time employee per year.
[c] Estimates based on reported weekly average x 30 weeks.
[d] Greater New Haven State Technical College reported no library facilities at the time of this survey.
Source: 1979 HEGIS Form 2300.5.

TABLE 3

LIBRARY OPERATING EXPENDITURES, 1978-79

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Institution	LIBRARY EXPENDITURES FOR MATERIALS						LIBRARY GENERAL EXPENDITURES				Total Library Expenditures	Total Institutional Educ. & Gen. Expenditures (in Millions)[b]	Library Expenditures as % of Educ. & Gen Expenditures
	Books	Periodicals	Microforms	Audiovisuals	Other Materials	Total	Salaries[a]	Binding	All Other Expenditures	Total			
University of Connecticut	$ 766,464	$548,171	$ 88,256	$ 10,893	$ 0	$1,413,784	$2,034,336	$52,711	$238,709	$2,325,756	$3,739,540	$103.340	3.62%
Health Center	50,337	201,887	380	42,630	0	295,234	407,211	15,078	95,506	517,795	813,029	40.236	2.02%
Subtotal	$ 816,801	$750,058	$ 88,636	$ 53,523	$ 0	$1,709,018	$2,441,547	$67,789	$334,215	$2,843,551	$4,552,569	$143.576	3.17%
STATE COLLEGES													
Central	$ 175,000	$ 55,000	$ 0	$ 1,500	$ 0	$ 231,500	$ 431,453	$12,000	$ 31,566	$ 475,019	$ 706,519	$ 19.259	3.67%
Eastern	72,309	17,761	0	0	2,241	92,311	192,587	758	7,486	200,871	293,182	6.359	4.61%
Southern	80,500	48,200	9,500	4,500	150	142,850	462,200	7,300	3,500	473,000	615,850	21.102	2.92%
Western	71,370	19,212	9,799	1,976	4,067	106,424	247,604	1,491	1,897	250,992	357,416	8.254	4.33%
Subtotal	$ 399,179	$140,173	$ 19,299	$ 7,976	$ 6,458	$ 573,085	$1,333,844	$21,589	$ 44,449	$1,399,882	$1,972,967	$ 54.974	3.59%
REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES													
Asnuntuck	$ 4,553	$ 2,775	$ 2,053	$ 1,028	$ 304	$ 10,713	$ 44,824	$ 0	$ 6,620	$ 51,444	$ 62,157	$ 1.510	4.12%
Greater Hartford	10,645	7,560	$ 2,216	$ 3,180	0	23,601	92,930	483	2,128	95,541	119,142	2.958	4.03%
Housatonic	12,465	805	713	12,017	515	26,515	92,838	807	41,202	134,847	161,362	3.669	4.40%
Manchester	12,618	8,535	1,015	2,366	0	24,534	117,623	0	7,488	125,111	149,645	4.801	3.12%
Mattatuck	13,770	3,593	3,825	8,814	7,354	37,356	107,793	0	2,159	109,952	147,308	4.034	3.65%
Middlesex	9,198	5,945	3,479	161	0	18,783	69,299	237	6,002	75,538	94,321	2.527	3.73%
Mohegan	8,978	3,141	0	209	0	12,328	62,534	0	5,016	67,550	79,878	2.692	2.97%
Northwestern Connecticut	5,427	4,466	764	0	1,081	11,738	74,186	128	0	74,314	86,052	1.802	4.78%
Norwalk	5,467	3,820	3,541	6,240	2,581	21,649	109,127	1,706	574	111,407	133,056	4.386	3.03%
Quinebaug Valley	4,876	4,635	836	0	1,053	11,400	54,195	0	0	54,195	65,595	.766	8.56%
South Central	21,690	5,453	1,470	7,673	0	36,286	109,686	0	7,738	117,424	153,710	2.294	6.70%
Tunxis	16,278	8,302	1,899	2,937	0	28,816	57,616	0	10,581	68,197	97,013	2.579	3.76%
Subtotal	$ 125,965	$ 59,030	$ 21,811	$ 44,025	$12,088	$ 263,719	$ 992,651	$ 3,361	$ 89,508	$1,085,520	$1,349,239	$ 34.018	3.97%
STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES													
Greater New Haven[d]													
Hartford	$ 300	$ 2,500	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 2,800	$ 23,475	$ 0	$ 0	$ 23,475	$ 26,275	$ 1.711[c]	1.54%
Norwalk	10,654	4,103	0	8,803	1,622	25,182	22,617	0	1,363	23,980	49,162	1.925	2.55%
Thames Valley	400	2,000	0	0	0	2,400	26,118	0	650	26,768	29,168	1.368	2.13%
Waterbury	6,500	2,000	30	1,500	0	10,030	25,159	0	0	25,159	35,189	1.786	1.97%
Subtotal	$ 17,854	$ 10,603	$ 30	$ 10,303	$ 1,622	$ 40,412	$ 97,369	$ 0	$ 2,013	$ 99,382	$ 139,794	$ 6.790	2.06%
GRAND TOTAL	$1,359,799	$959,864	$129,776	$115,827	$20,968	$2,586,234	$4,865,411	$92,739	$470,185	$5,428,335	$8,014,569	$239.358	3.35%

[a] Includes wages paid to student assistants charged to library budgets; excludes fringe benefits for regular staff.

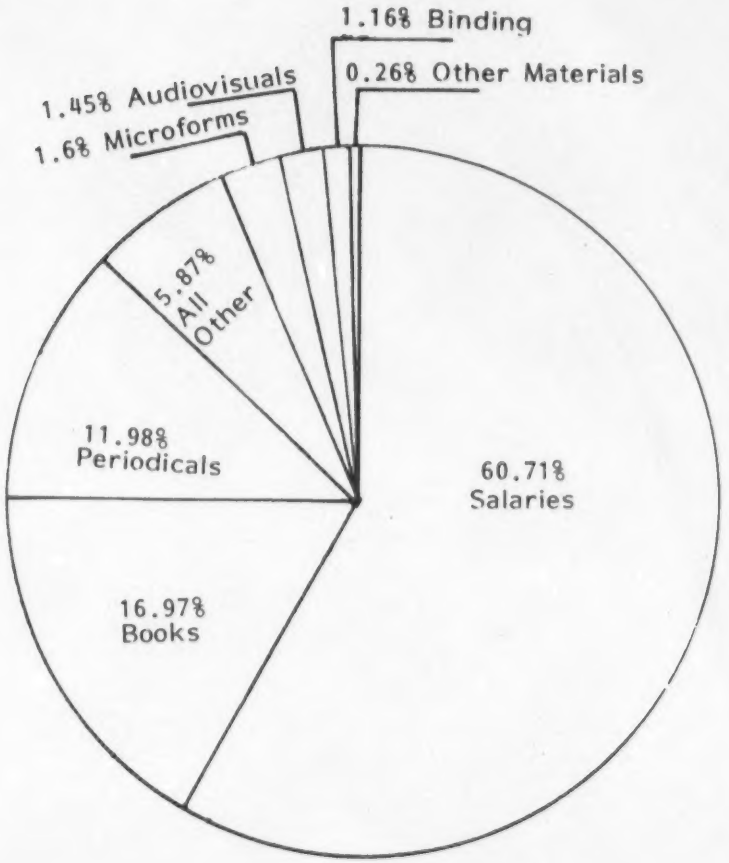
[b] Source: 1978-79 HEGIS form 2300-4 which includes academic support funds for libraries. (Rounded to nearest thousand.)

[c] Estimate based upon 1977-78 reported expenditures increased by 10 percent.

[d] Greater New Haven State Technical College reported no library facilities at the time of this survey.
Source: 1979 HEGIS form 2300-5.

FIGURE 1

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS



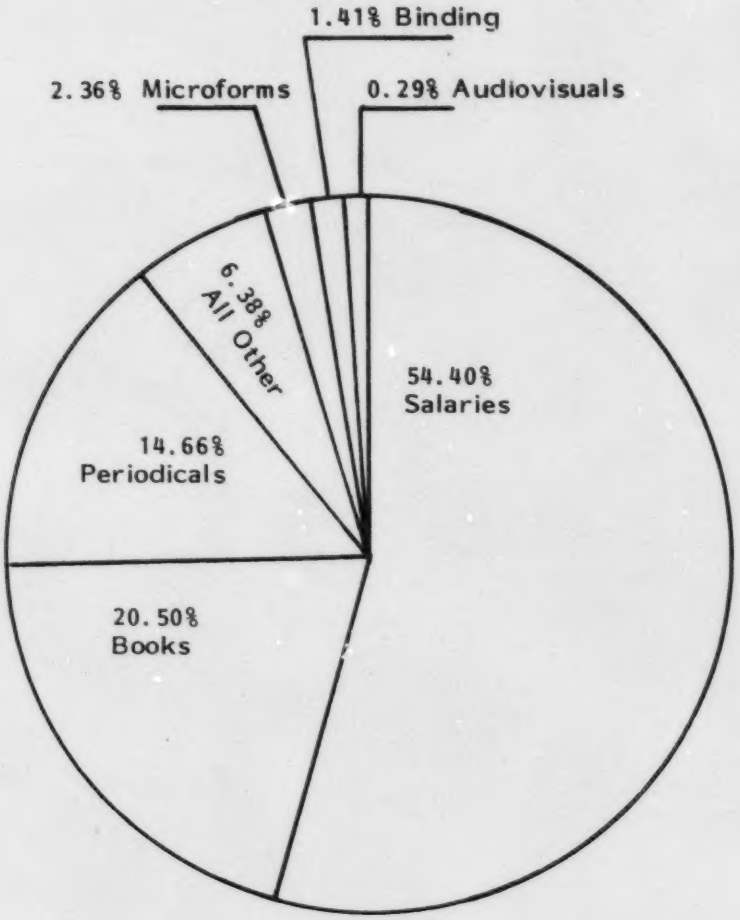
Library Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Educational and General Expenditures

1979: 3.35%
1975: 3.66%

Source: 1978-79 HEGIS Forms 2300-4 and 2300-5.

FIGURE 2

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT



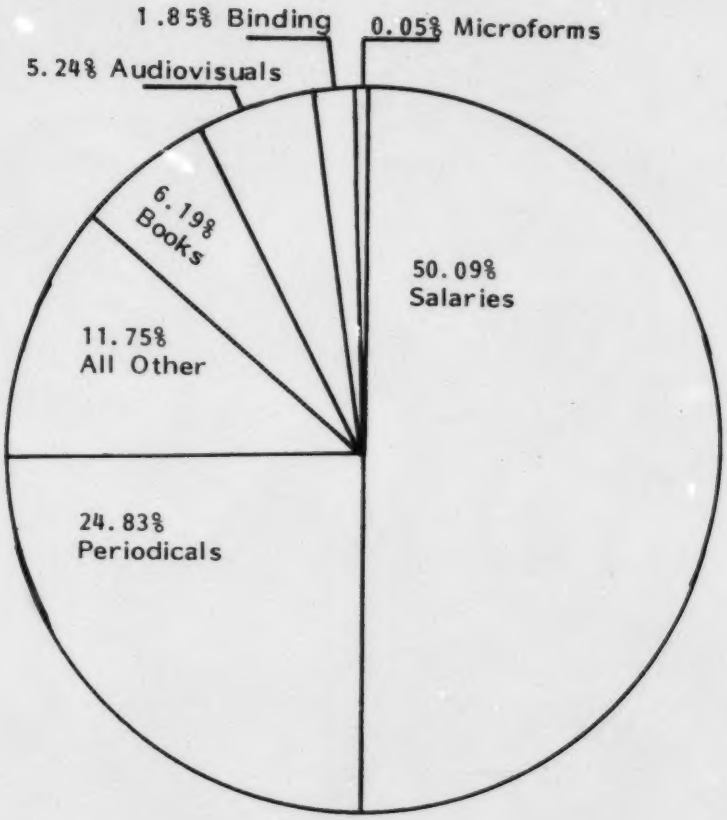
Library Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Educational and General Expenditures

1979: 3.62%
1975: 3.18%

Source: 1978-79 HEGIS Forms 2300-4 and 2300-5.

FIGURE 3

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER



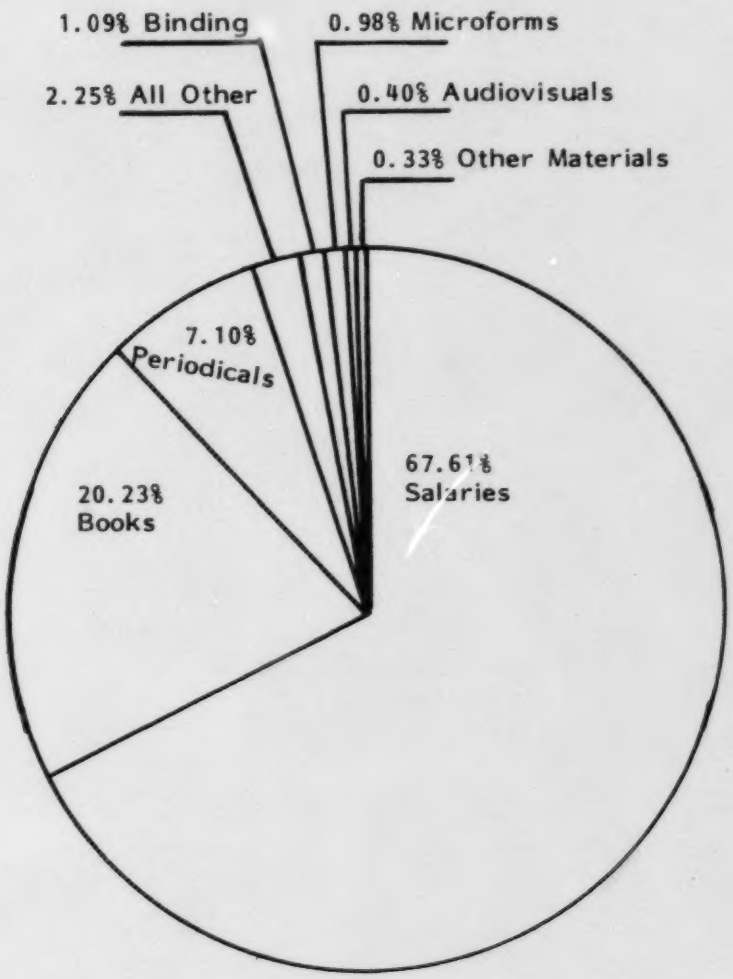
Library Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Educational and General Expenditures

1979: 2.02%
1975: 2.92%

Source: 1978-79 HEGIS Forms 2300-4 and 2300-5.

FIGURE 4

CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES



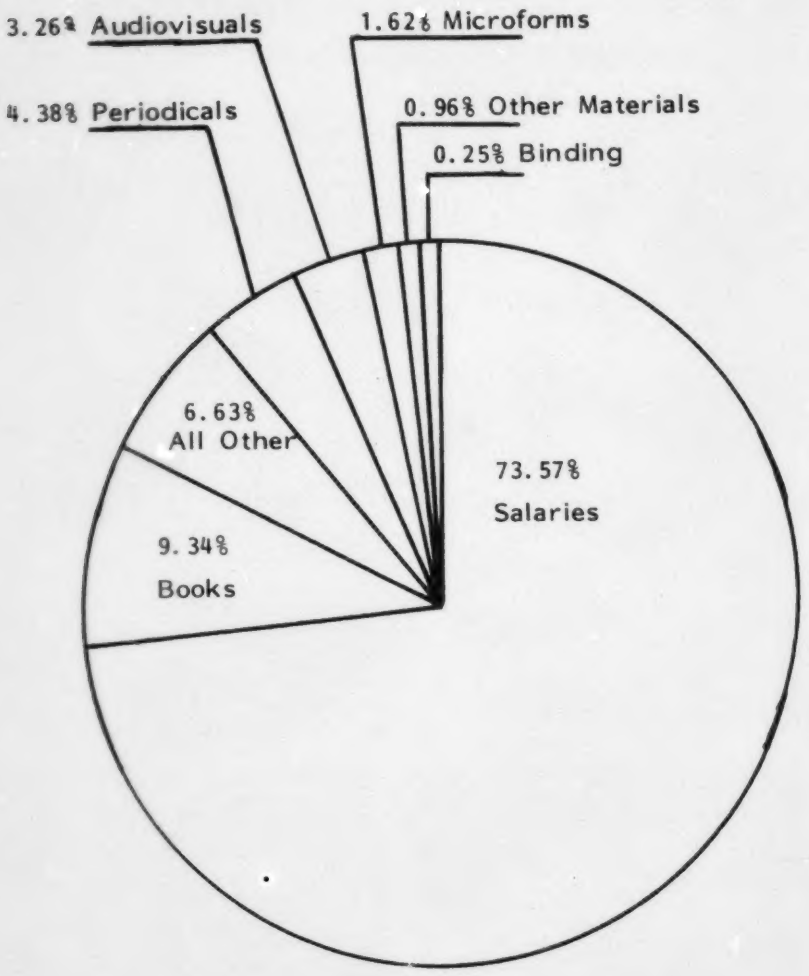
Library Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Educational and General Expenditures

1979: 3.59%
1975: 3.76%

Source: 1978-79 HEGIS Forms 2300-4 and 2300-5.

FIGURE 5

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES



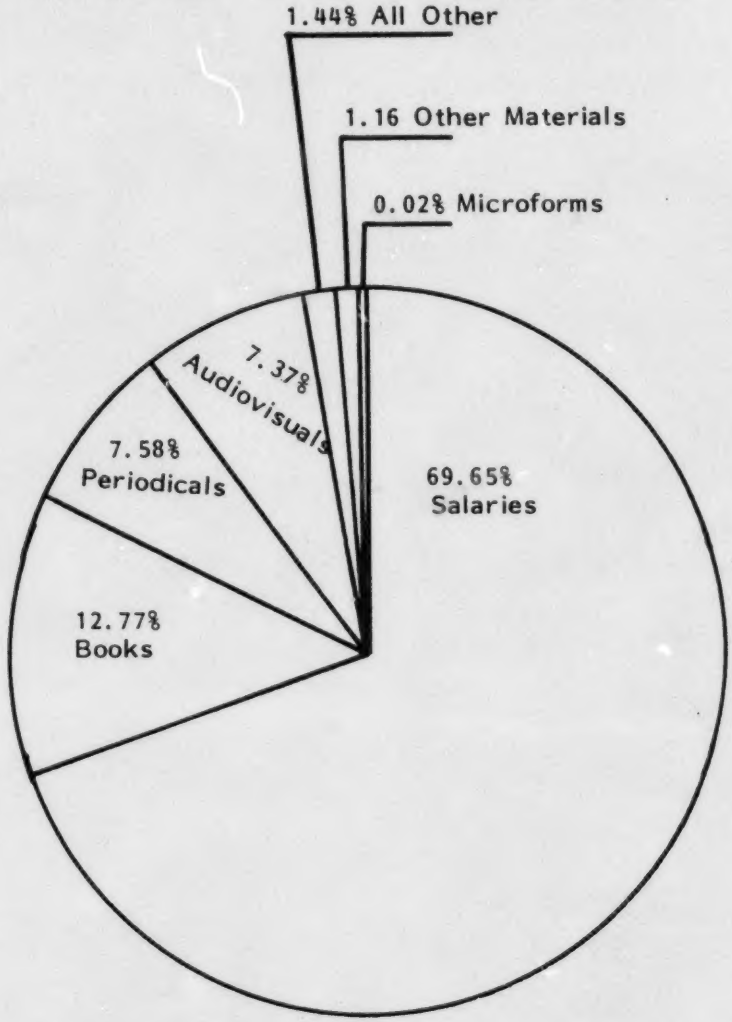
Library Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Educational and General Expenditures

1979: 3.97%
1975: 6.01%

Source: 1978-79 HEGIS Forms 2300-4 and 2300-5.

FIGURE 6

CONNECTICUT STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES



Library Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Educational and General Expenditures

1979: 2.06%
1975: 3.01%

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